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Gov't Seeks Probe Amid O'Neill Interview

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WASHINGTON - The Treasury Department is seeking an investigation into whether a classified document might have been shown during a TV show in which former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill spoke out against the Bush administration.

Bush, Fox Agree on Immigration, Iraq

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MONTERREY, Mexico - President Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox found agreement Monday on the contentious issues of immigration and Iraq, ending two years of discord that followed the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Dieters Seek Alternatives to Ephedra

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http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=514&e=7&u=/ap/20040113/ap_on_he_me/ephedra_alternatives

WASHINGTON - People who think ephedra helped them lose weight are looking to new ingredients with names like guarana, bitter orange and green tea extract to replace the soon-to-be-banned dietary supplement.

US can keep post-September 11 detainees names secret: Supreme Court

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http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=1504&ncid=1504&e=3&u=/afp/20040113/ts_afp/us_attacks_justice_040113025127

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Despite pleas from human rights advocates, the US Supreme Court allowed the US government to keep as an ongoing secret the names of hundreds of people detained in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, attacks.

II). Major U.S. Papers

The Washington Post

Iraqis Revise Policy on Ex-Baath Members

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<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A8316-2004Jan11.html>

Thousands May Lose Their Jobs, but Procedures for Appeals Are Strengthened

BAGHDAD, Jan. 11 -- Thousands of Iraqis may lose their jobs in the public sector because they once belonged to Saddam Hussein's Baath Party, but their right to appeal for reinstatement or pensions will be enhanced under a new policy announced Sunday by Iraqi authorities.

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The New York Times

Bush Team Revising Plans for Granting Self-Rule to Iraqis

Published: January 13, 2004

<http://www.nytimes.com/2004/01/13/international/middleeast/13DIPL.html>

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 — The Bush administration, seeking to overcome new resistance on the political and security fronts in Iraq, is revising its proposed process for handing over power to an interim Iraqi government by June 30, administration officials said Monday.

Iran Leader Delays Ruling on Exclusion of Reformists

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2004/01/13/international/middleeast/13TEHR.html>

TEHRAN, Jan. 12 — Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme religious leader, said Monday that he would not intervene for the moment in the gathering confrontation between the two main political camps in Iran — the hard-liners and the reformists — after a review panel that he controls barred hundreds of reformist candidates from running in parliamentary elections next month.

International Herald Tribune

In the Mideast, a mood to refuse

Tuesday, January 13, 2004

<http://www.ihf.com/articles/124710.html>

President Moshe Katsav of Israel issued an invitation on Monday to President Bashar al-Assad of Syria to come to Jerusalem, but Damascus rebuffed the offer as a stunt.

III). Foreign Radios

Radio France Internationale

Research : the scientists shout breakage-neck

<http://www.rfi.fr/actu/chaude/special.asp?m1=1&m2=1&SurTitre='France'&Titre='Recherche%20%20%20Ies%20scientifiques%20crient%20casse-cou'>

The largest French researchers signed a petition launched on Internet to ask the government to re-examine its budget policy and to free without awaiting sufficient means to allow them to work. The grumble of the researchers which lasts since nearly two years is transforming itself into revolt. And more than two hundred directors of laboratory announced that, if they did not obtain satisfaction very quickly, they would present a collective resignation.

IV) AFRICA NEWS

Somaliland Deserves A Closer Look

January 12, 2004

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200401120556.html>

At least a small part of the future of Africa is being played out in Somaliland, the northwest portion of Somalia that declared its independence in 1991. In its bustling but impoverished capital of Hargeysa, the most striking contrast with most African cities is the sense of order. Police -- who, given their salaries, are almost volunteers -- stand in the hot sun and direct obedient drivers. Money-changers sit on the side of the street with huge piles of cash visible, waiting for customers.

Somalia: Peace Talks Get New Lease of Life

January 12, 2004

Nairobi

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200401120077.html>

The stalled Somali peace talks, which were being held in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, have been given a new lease of life after Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni saved them from collapse.

Mauritius Seeks to Become a Global Cyber Island Paradise

January 12, 2004

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200401120314.html>

- First came California's Silicon Valley, then India took the honours. Next, if all goes according to plan, the tiny Indian Ocean nation of Mauritius hopes to lead the way in Africa, by transforming itself into a "cyber island".